

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Childs House Inventory Number: BA-3240  
Address: 4909 Deer Park Road Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no  
City: Owings Mills Zip Code: 21117 County: Baltimore County  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Reisterstown  
Property Owner: DNR Tax Account ID Number: 1600001548  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 22 Tax Map Number: 66  
Project: DNR Razings Agency: DNR  
Agency Prepared By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Name: Catherine Masek Date Prepared: 11/6/2008  
Documentation is presented in: MIHP form for Childs House, BA-3240, by Catherine Adams Masek, 2008 and MIHP form for Soldiers Delight NEA, BA-3149, by Goodwin Assoc., 2005.  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no  
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Property and Justification:** *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Childs House property does not appear to meet the standards for eligibility for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

**Criterion A:**

Nothing has been uncovered that would associate the Childs property with an event, trend or broad pattern of our history. While the property was associated with Isaac Tyson, Jr. and his chromite mining industry, there is no evidence that this was a significant mining site and in fact, he sold this parcel in 1846, when his chrome industry was expanding, which would indicate his disinterest in it for mining. Therefore, there is no significance within the context of local industry/ mining. No subsequent owner appears to have made significant impact upon local history. There is no significance within the context of agriculture. The land was too rocky and difficult for farming, and soils laden with particles of chromite ore. The soils were thus poor, agriculturally.

**Criterion B:**

No persons of significance are known to be associated with the Childs House property, as required of Criterion B. Tyson, who owned the property in the 1840's, did not occupy it, but rather lived in Baltimore. No subsequent owner is known to have made

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
MHT Comments:

Jonathan Beyer  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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significant impact upon the community or region.

**Criterion C:**

The typography, the location of the principal dwelling and the basement level of the house are all that remain unchanged at this site.

While modern maps have clearly retained Deer Park Rd in its 1877 configuration, the Childs House has been continually modernized throughout its ownership and occupancy, into the late 20th century. The house location and basement level remain the same, but otherwise, the house above ground and outbuildings show evidence of significant alteration. These changes include major alterations of the earliest section, additions which negatively affected the original structure, alteration to window, door, mantel/ fireplace, stair, insertion of paneling throughout, destruction of outbuildings. As a result of such loss and alteration, the main dwelling does not possess sufficient integrity to illustrate the distinctive characteristics of type, period, or method of construction, as required by Criterion C.

**Criterion D:**

No evidence has been uncovered which would indicate a prehistoric or archaeological site, nor has information indicated a need for investigation of these areas.

In conclusion, there is insufficient evidence to consider the Childs House property eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G

MHT Comments:

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
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#### CAPSULE SUMMARY

Childs House  
MIHP # BA-3240  
4909 Deer Park Rd.  
Deer Park/ Owings Mills vicinity  
c. 1864- 1877  
Public- within Soldiers Delight NEA

The Childs House is located within the Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area, approximately 4 to 5 miles east of Owings Mills, Baltimore County, MD. The fieldstone foundation and frame house is accessed from Deer Park Rd., off of Dolfield Rd. The narrow entry lane winds between two small outparcels that were historically associated with this property. The gently rolling Childs property is revealed in a clearing, sloping southeast towards a small pond.

Above a small stone full height basement, fieldstone or concrete foundation, there is a frame house, all of which is covered with aluminum siding over wood shingle. The house began with a two bay two story gable roofed northwest section with full height stone basement completed between 1864 and 1877, simple in decoration and plan. It appears that much reconstruction occurred above basement level in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, although parts of the original exterior walls may still exist. Several additions have been made to the house; including a 2 story gable roofed addition to the east in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, and a two story shed roofed section and flat roofed section to the southwest in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. While the location of the building is intact, unsympathetic additions and alterations have been made which negatively affect the significance of the property. Mid 20<sup>th</sup> century fabric has replaced exterior porches with concrete and metal, removed original fireplace/ mantels, replaced walls with paneling, removed baseboard, staircase doors, door surrounds and most windows. Unsympathetic alterations continued through the late 20<sup>th</sup> century as the building was occupied until 1999. Vandalism has dramatically affected the building since that time.

Historic outbuildings that were described in earlier MIHP forms no longer exist. Existing sheds are of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and insignificant.

The Childs House property does not appear to be eligible for nomination to the National Register because of both the loss of historic architectural materials, as well as the installation of modern materials, which have compromised the integrity of design, materials and workmanship of the Childs House property.

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Zeigler House  
other Childs House (current, preferred)

### 2. Location

street and number 4909 Deer Park Rd. not for publication  
city, town Deer Park / Owings Mills vicinity X vicinity  
county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name State of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources  
street and number 580 Taylor Avenue, Tawes Bldg., D-3 telephone 410-260-8932  
city, town Annapolis state MD zip code 21401

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Circuit Court liber 5715 folio 144  
city, town Towson tax map 66 tax parcel 22 tax ID number 1600001548

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			4

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

### Summary:

The Childs House is located on Deer Park Road in Baltimore County, about ½ mile south of the intersection with Wards Chapel Road and ½ mile north of the intersection with Dolfield Rd. On both sides of the narrow winding Deer Park Rd is the state of Maryland owned Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area, which includes this property. The 38 acre parcel is located west of the road and down a winding narrow paved lane. Amidst a clearing is the rolling property, on which the house, outbuildings, vegetable garden and pond are located.

The two story gable roofed main house, built on fieldstone or concrete block foundation, with partial basement, is wood framed, and covered with aluminum horizontal siding over wood shingle. Several additions have been made to this c. 1864-1877 house; including a 2 story gable roofed addition to the east, a two story shed roofed section to the southwest. Currently in fair condition, (but subject to constant vandalism), the house received major alterations in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century, including windows, artificial siding, concrete porches, rear additions, kitchen, baths, wood paneling, fireplace and mantel alterations, closets. Several outbuildings, noted on the 2005 MIHP form for Soldiers Delight NEA, no longer exist and most of those outbuildings standing date to mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### Comprehensive Description:

This simple house began c. 1864- 1877, with a late 19<sup>th</sup> century side addition and rear additions in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. It faces north towards two lane Deer Park Rd. (There would have been unobstructed views west to the road until the early 20<sup>th</sup> century when outparcels allowed houses to be built along the entry lane to the Childs property.) The house is sited on a slope, whose highest point is the driveway, and lowest point is the pond. There is a fieldstone foundation under the northeast room and staircase, a concrete block foundation beneath all the rear or south additions, and a full height fieldstone basement beneath the northwest room. This dirt floored basement beneath the earliest section is accessed via a new exterior metal door/ cement steps on the east façade. Hand adzed rough hewn timbers, several with exterior bark, exist around the perimeter and in a north to south direction to support the first floor. A basement 4 pane window on the east basement wall now looks into a crawl space beneath the stair and living room. The original stone basement fireplace foundation is on the west wall and probably the winder stair would have been in the vicinity of the present basement stair entry in the northwest corner.

It appears that much reconstruction occurred above basement level, although parts of the original exterior walls may still exist. A living room and center staircase were added to the east with second story in late 19<sup>th</sup> century to complete the north gable roofed wing and double the size of the original house. A rear or south two story wing with shed roof was added to the southeast in the early- mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. Finally, a one story kitchen addition was made to the southwest with flat roof in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. All roofs are covered in asphalt shingles, with boxed eaves. Porches were changed from wood to concrete floor, with either brick or slate veneer facing. The columns on the front porch are metal posts with an open vine like design. The columns on the side and rear porches are simple square wood columns. Other than the front façade, which has largely 2/1 sash, most windows were changed to 1/1 sash, and doors replaced. The current exterior doors are mid 20<sup>th</sup> century replacement ones, with glass in upper half and horizontal wood panel below. Historic window shutters do not currently exist, although they are described in the 2005 MIHP form for Soldiers Delight NEA, BA-3149. Horizontal aluminum siding was added over wood shingle exterior walls, and this is being methodically removed by vandals, as evidenced by tools "stored" on site.

On the north or front façade, a concrete floored porch covered with brick veneer leads to a center doorway. Three bays wide, the front façade has 2/1 windows, other than the northeast first floor window, which was altered to hold 3 part "picture" window in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. No storm windows or screens exist at these 2/1 window openings. A metal storm door covers a glass and horizontal wood paneled 20<sup>th</sup> century main entry door. On the east gable end, the brick fireplace is covered with concrete, wood shingles cover exterior walls, and most of the aluminum siding has been removed (other than that which is above 2<sup>nd</sup> story windows). Windows of various sizes, 1/1 paned, exist only in the rear mid 20<sup>th</sup> century addition. The rear or south façade has a variety of window sizes, of style 1/1 paned or jalousie, that surround a center door; this storm and wood door repeats the front door in style/ design. (Approximately 70% of the windows are missing panes or entire sashes.) A concrete floored porch and 4 steps ascend to this rear door. Aluminum siding covers the upper half of the exterior rear wall. On the west façade, there are no window openings on the 2 story gable roofed north section, but 4 steps and a concrete porch ascend to the door in the rear flat roofed kitchen addition of the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. The metal double doors of the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century that descend to the basement are located immediately north of and adjacent to the porch. Both double hung sash and jalousie mid 20<sup>th</sup> century windows exist in the rear additions on the west façade. Aluminum siding is most intact on the west façade, as this area would be highly visible from the entrance driveway.

Upon entering the first floor through the main door on the north façade, the stair to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is immediately to the south, and one is standing in the living room. Mid twentieth century interior alterations accomplished prior to 1977 include introduction of solid wood

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paneling, which totally encases staircase and all walls, built in bookcases on either side of an exposed brick fireplace with raised hearth.

The room to the west of the main entrance, in the earliest section of the house, includes stained solid wood paneling on all walls, including the fireplace wall. Most recently used as a family room, bookcases and drawers are built into the fireplace wall and encase/cover stone fireplace and flue. A closet beneath the staircase is accessed via a door in this room. All of the paneling/ bookcases, etc. date to the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.

To the south of the family room, is the kitchen. This is located in the flat roofed southwest mid 20<sup>th</sup> century addition. Ceramic tiles cover walls to 4' of height, and include base tile. Sheet flooring, stained wood cabinets, exterior door, and double hung sash windows all date from the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Southeast of the kitchen, in the shed roofed two story addition, exists a sheet paneled office, full bath and tiled mud / laundry room.

Ascending the wood paneled enclosed staircase, the entire second floor is covered with wall to wall carpeting, mid- 20<sup>th</sup> century veneer wall paneling, built in closets with folding doors, and a full bath. Two bedrooms exist in the gable roofed north wing, and one in the rear shed roofed addition.

A step between the rear and front bedroom sections delineates the two major building periods. The flat roof over the kitchen functions as a balcony and an exterior glass and panel mid 20<sup>th</sup> century door (similar to other exterior 1<sup>st</sup> floor doors) opens onto the space.

While vandalized on the interior and exterior, and apparently illegally occupied as evidenced by the closets of hanging clothing, shoes, piles of bedding and recent food/drink containers, the building is in fair condition. Most windows and doors have no glass panes, and show evidence at first floor level of being forced/ broken. Park employees have indicated the property was used as a rental, and vacated by tenant approximately 1999, but vandals have continually visited the site since then.

Four outbuildings are discussed in the 2005 MIHP form, however; only two of those currently exist. Those missing, assumed to be demolished by tenants or park employees, include: former Childs Shed I, constructed c. 1880- c. 1910, located southwest of house, former Childs Springhouse, constructed c. 1880-c. 1910, located west of house.

Existing outbuildings include, first: shed II, southwest of house c. 1910- c. 1950, included in 2005 MIHP form. This is a small wood frame, one story square building gable roof facing east, as does the door. Roof is covered in asphalt sheets; wood ramp leads to doorway, shed rests on concrete foundation, walls are of wood shingle. Paint, roofing and shingles are all in poor condition.

Second existing outbuilding, shed III, north of house, c. 1950-2000, not in 2005 MIHP form. This is a plywood sheet sheathed structure, with shed roof. Off center doorway on south wall is missing door, adjacent window frame is partially missing, and graffiti covers the exterior walls. Vines encompass the entire rear and the condition of the structure is poor.

Third existing outbuilding, garage, c. 1950, included in 2005 MIHP form. This concrete block gable roofed one story structure faces west. Graffiti is painted on all sides, roofing material is asphalt shingle. There is a one story shed roofed addition to the north. All windows located at first floor and gable level are missing, due to vandalism. A pedestrian doorway is located in the southernmost bay, but is missing door, due to vandalism. A wood garage door exists in the gable roofed structure and in the addition. On the interior, there is a concrete floor, wood framing, wooden tool bench, broken glass from windows and door. Structure is in fair condition.

A well is located west of the house, immediately east of a large oak tree, but no springhouse stands, as indicated on 2005 MIHP form.

Where the property slopes south towards the pond, a garden or tilled area is evident between house and pond. This raised vegetable garden, south and east of the house is below the level of the house. Immediately south of the garden is a pond. This pond is the lowest point of the property, geographically.

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A modern septic system is located east of the house.

A wooded area begins south of the pond and wraps around the edge of the fields to the entrance driveway where one enters from Deer Park Rd. Tilled fields existed at one time on either side of the entrance driveway, and are now overgrown. Grasses are at least 3' in height, trees and shrubs untended in the vicinity of the outbuildings and house.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

### Specific dates

### Architect/Builder

**Construction dates** n.w. section-1864-1877; n.e. section-late 19<sup>th</sup> century; rear additions to the south-mid 20<sup>th</sup> century

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

### Summary:

The Childs House, while a 19<sup>th</sup> century property, retains little of its architectural integrity, having been greatly altered in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. Built within a mile of the chrome mines owned by Isaac Tyson, Jr., at a time when such mining activities were active in Baltimore County, the Childs House was associated with the Zeigler family for the longest period of time and owner occupied until acquired by the state of Maryland in 1977.

### Narrative:

Historically, the northwesternmost section of the gable roofed main house was built between 1864 and 1877 on land immediately adjacent to the Tyson Company chrome mines, and designated "on a plat of Minersville as lot no. 16." 1 This portion of Baltimore County was by this time in the midst of industrial development. Copper mining, which took place at Scott's Mine, Deer Park, Baltimore County, in 1754, was joined by iron, gold and chrome mining in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. 2 Isaac Tyson, Jr. who discovered chrome ore in 1810 at his father's summer estate, Bare Hills, found that the Soldiers Delight area of western Baltimore County possessed the same serpentine stone terrain as at Bare Hills and he expanded his business into the area. 3 The stony grassland was unsuited to growing wheat as was popular in other parts of the county and raising livestock was not as productive as the mining business soon became. 4 A chemist and mineralogist, Tyson became a successful mining engineer, buying large tracts of land and leasing mineral rights in Soldiers Delight beginning in 1825. He began mining operations in several counties in Maryland and in other states, eventually monopolizing the global production of chromium. 5 He initially shipped his ore to Europe where it was an important ingredient in the manufacturing of "Chrome yellow" (lead chromate, PbCrO<sub>4</sub>) dry paint pigments. Not only did the Tyson Company chrome mines, near the Childs House, on Deer Park Rd., produce chunks or lumps of ore, the soil produced grains. These were necessarily separated from the soil by rinsing in wooden sluices. Tyson established in 1845 the first chromium chemicals factory in America in Fells Point, Baltimore, where his son Jesse joined him. His son James consolidated the chromite land holdings and minerals rights, which included much of what is today Soldiers Delight NEA, and created the Tyson Mining Co. in 1867.

All of these men were involved with the Childs property at some point because it was part of their land holdings in the Soldiers Delight area. Isaac Tyson Jr. initially purchased the Childs property (as part of a larger land acquisition) in 1846 from the estate of William Gist, who died 1844, leaving his widow in debt. 6 (Deed, Liber AWB 362, Folio 386) Tyson's sons sold the Childs property to George W. and Elizabeth Aler in 1864, following the death of Isaac Tyson Jr in 1861. (Deed, Liber JHL 41, Folio 38) Hopkins' 1877 Atlas of Baltimore County shows "W. Ahlers," which is most likely George W. Aler in the location of the Childs house. See attached map copy. Due to its close proximity to the chrome mines, it is possible that Aler housed miners in the residence. Residences and boardinghouses were common in this area for the miners who immigrated from Germany, Ireland and Poland. (Goodwin, MIHP, 2005).

The Tyson Company mine is still identified on Bromley's 1898 map of Baltimore County; however, by that time the mine had closed. Also on the map, "Ziegler" is shown occupying the Childs House. "Zigler" or Ziegler (shown as "Zeigler" in the typewritten 20<sup>th</sup> century deeds) purchased the property from Aler in 1887. (Deed, Liber JWS 158, Folio 356) Smaller parcels were removed and given to members of the Zeigler family through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, but this family occupied the house for nearly 60 years, while altering and modernizing it. The existing front gable roofed 3 bay house was an alteration or reconstruction of the smaller house, most likely by Zeigler. It is interesting to note that the "Ziegler" family (possibly the same?) helped re-open Tyson's chromite mining operation in 1918, when local banker Frederick A. Dolfeld established the Maryland Chrome Corporation to combat the high price of imported chromite. (Goodwin, MIHP, 2005)

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In 1946, Charles Zeigler, descendant, conveyed the property to Donald and Bernice Morgan. (Deed, Liber RJS 1579, Folio 285) The two story rear addition and one story kitchen addition were probably constructed by the Morgans, before they sold the property in 1960 to Earl and Christeen Childs. (Deed, Liber WJR 3667, Folio 042) Modernized kitchen, baths, laundry/ mud room, solid wood paneling and fireplace alterations probably occurred at this time as well.

During the Childs' ownership, 1960-1977, there was window and door replacement/ alteration on both floors, bedroom closet construction, new lighting, concrete porches, and lightweight wall paneling installed in bedrooms. Childs conveyed the 38+ acre parcel to the State of Maryland to the use of the Department of Natural Resources in 1977, with the condition that the owner becomes a tenant for approximately 4 years. (Deed, Liber 5715, Folio 144) The property was occupied by a tenant until approximately 1998- 1999. With vacancy, there has been vandalism, illegal usage and occupancy, and an ongoing removal of building/ architectural materials from the site.

Architecturally, the Childs House is a simple frame house that has been continually altered since the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The early- mid 20<sup>th</sup> century is the period which is now most represented. Other than retaining the gable roofed portion of the house, and original location, the building has been insensitively altered by additions and building materials. Mid 20<sup>th</sup> century fabric has replaced original fireplace/ mantels, walls, baseboard, door and most window surrounds, staircase, exterior and interior doors and most windows. Most windows and doors no longer have glass panes, and show evidence at first floor level of being forced/ broken. Existing outbuildings are of no significance, reflecting alterations during the Childs occupancy.

### Footnotes

1  
Deed between Jesse & James Tyson, Trustees of estate of (father) Isaac Tyson, Jr. deceased, and George W. Aler & wife Elizabeth, 1864, Liber JHL 41, folio 38.

2  
From Pig Iron to Cotton Duck by John W. McGrain, Baltimore County Public Library, 1985, p. 238.

3  
Brooks, History of Baltimore Co., 1979, p. 206.

4  
Our Maryland Counties by Elaine Bunting & Patricia d'Amasio, 2000, p. 80-81.

5  
As an example of the Tyson interests in the area, even after Tyson's death, the deed by which Tyson's sons conveyed the Childs house property to George Aler in 1864 specifically reserves the right to dig, cleanse and remove any mineral found on the property at any and all times. Additional information about Tyson's family, business and investment interests in other states, see History of Baltimore City and County by J. Thomas Scharf, Part II, Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1971, pages 771-773.

6  
Although not verified, it is possible that William Gist, from whose estate Isaac Tyson, Jr. purchased the Childs House property in 1846, was a descendant of Jonathan Gist or General Mordecai Gist, both Revolutionary War soldiers who were from Baltimore County. There is a portrait of Mordecai Gist in the Maryland Historical Society. Both men were known to have purchased lands in Baltimore County, which had been confiscated from the British, following the Revolutionary War. Due to the fact that Tyson purchased the Childs House property as part of a large- over 500 acre parcel- from Gist, it is impossible to know where Gist may have lived on the property or if he lived on the parcel at all. Brooks, Neal A. & Eric G. Rockel, History of Baltimore County, pages 98-99. Scharf, History of Western Maryland, pages 920-921.

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### Criteria Evaluation:

#### Criterion A:

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#### Criterion B:

No persons of significance are known to be associated with the Childs House property, as required of Criterion B. Tyson, who owned the property in the 1840's, did not occupy it, but rather lived in Baltimore. No subsequent owner is known to have made significant impact upon the community or region.

#### Criterion C:

The typography, the location of the principal dwelling and the basement level of the house are all that remain unchanged at this site. While modern maps have clearly retained Deer Park Rd in its 1877 configuration, the Childs House has been continually modernized throughout its ownership and occupancy, into the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. The house location and basement level remain the same, but otherwise, the house above ground and outbuildings have been continually altered through the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. These changes include major alterations of the earliest section, additions which negatively affected the original structure, alteration to window, door, mantel/ fireplace, stair, insertion of paneling throughout, destruction of outbuildings. As a result of such loss and alteration, the main dwelling does not possess sufficient integrity to illustrate the distinctive characteristics of type, period, or method of construction, as required by Criterion C.

#### Criterion D:

No evidence has been uncovered which would indicate a prehistoric or archaeological site, nor has information indicated a need for investigation of these areas.

In conclusion, there is insufficient evidence to consider the Childs House property eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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MIHP forms for the following:

Soldiers Delight Natural Environmental Area by Goodwin Assoc., 2005

Website <MdLandRec.Net>:

"Deed" between Earl L. Childs and State of MD, Dept. of Natural Resources, 1977, Liber 5715, Folio 144.

"Deed" between Earl L. Childs & Christeen, his wife and Earl L. Childs, 1973, Liber EHK 5394, Folio 414.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property .5 ac

Acreage of historical setting 1.0

Quadrangle name Reisterstown

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

That boundary of the surveyed property consisted of relatively flat cleared land immediately around the house. This property is within the Soldiers Delight NEA.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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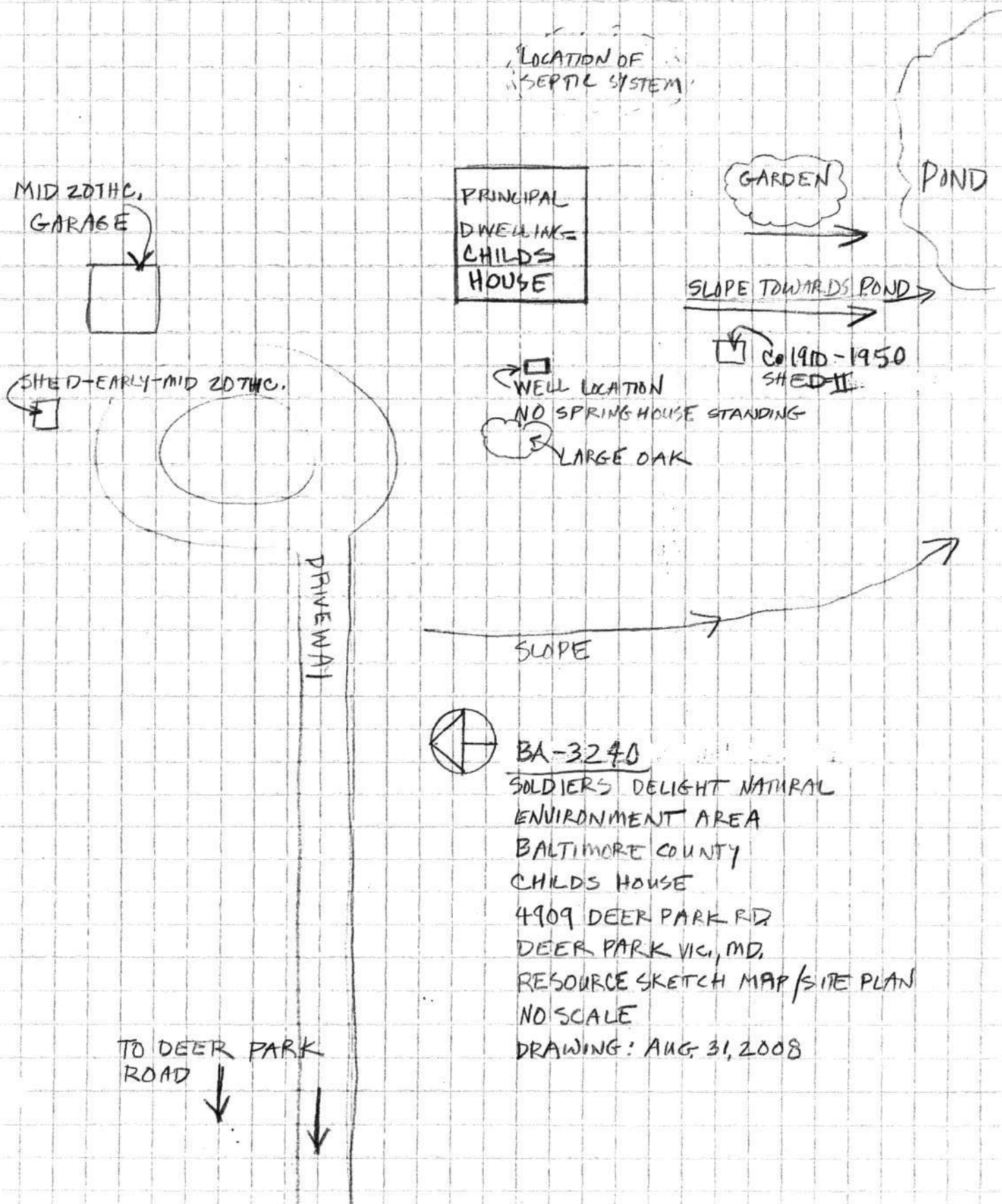
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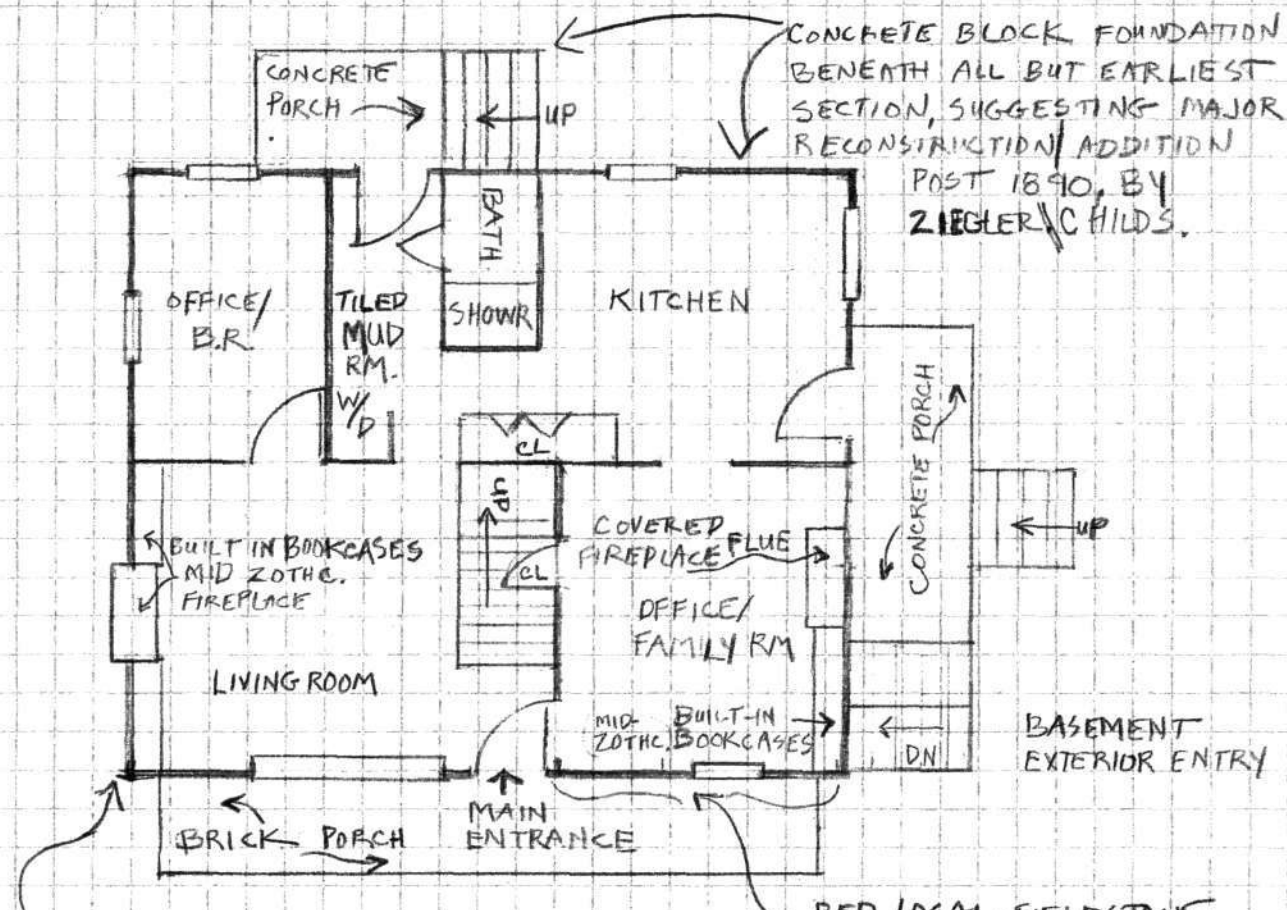
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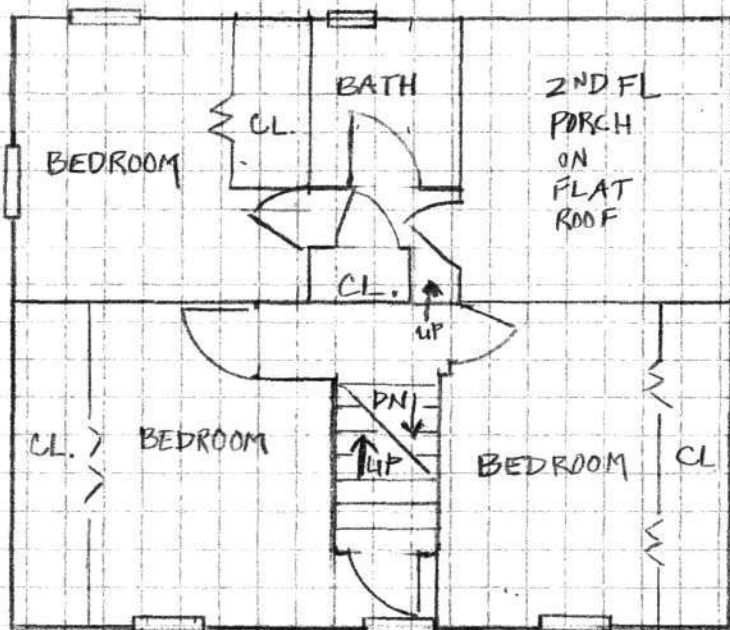


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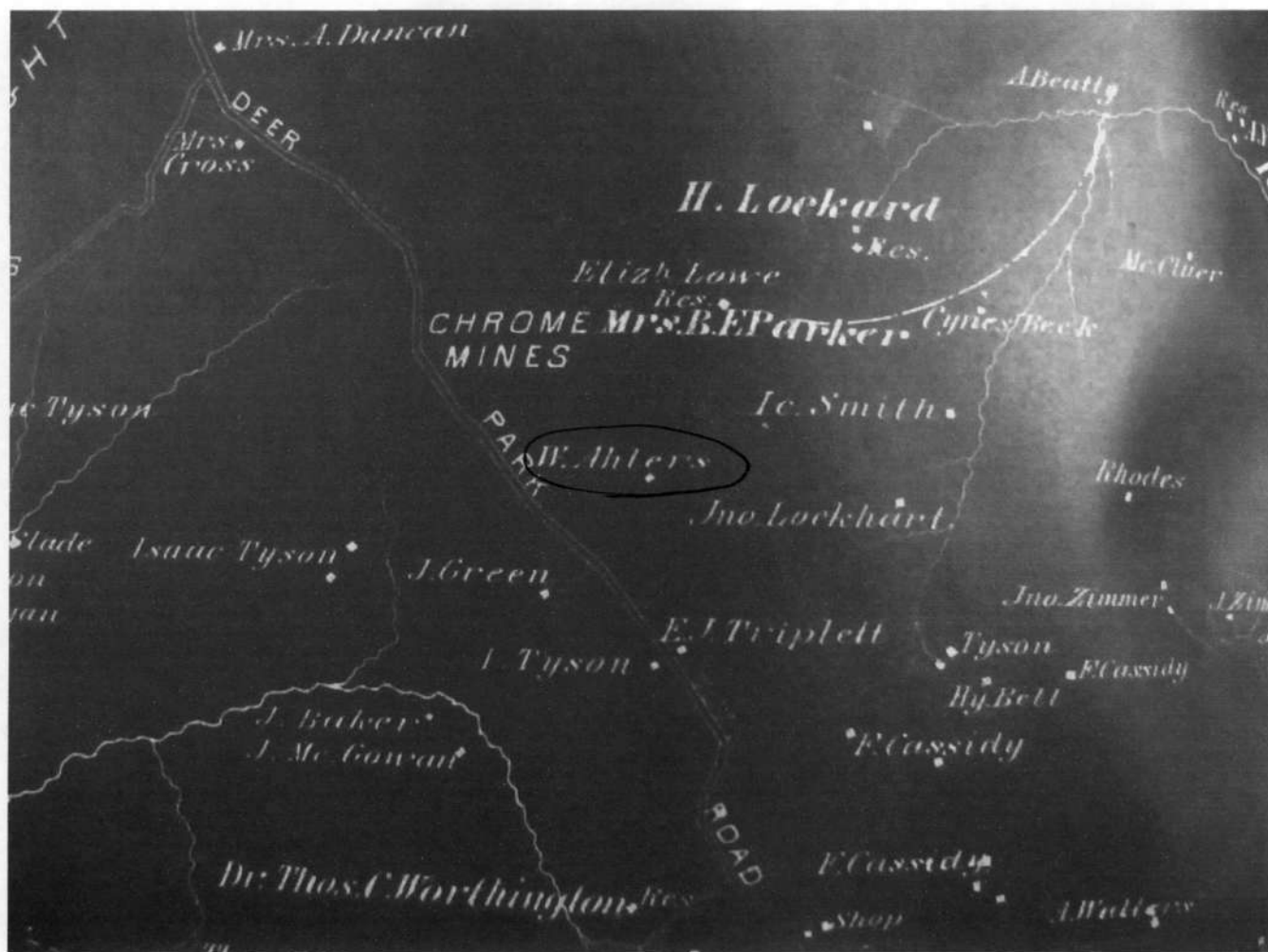
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JOISTS DIRECTION: ↓  
LOG-ROUGH HEWN JOISTS



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CHILDS HOUSE  
4909 DEER PARK RD  
DEER PARK VIC., MD  
FIRST + SECOND FLOOR  
PLANS  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'  
DRAWING: AUG. 31, 2008  
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PHOTOGRAPH OF C. M. HOPKINS' ATLAS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, 1877  
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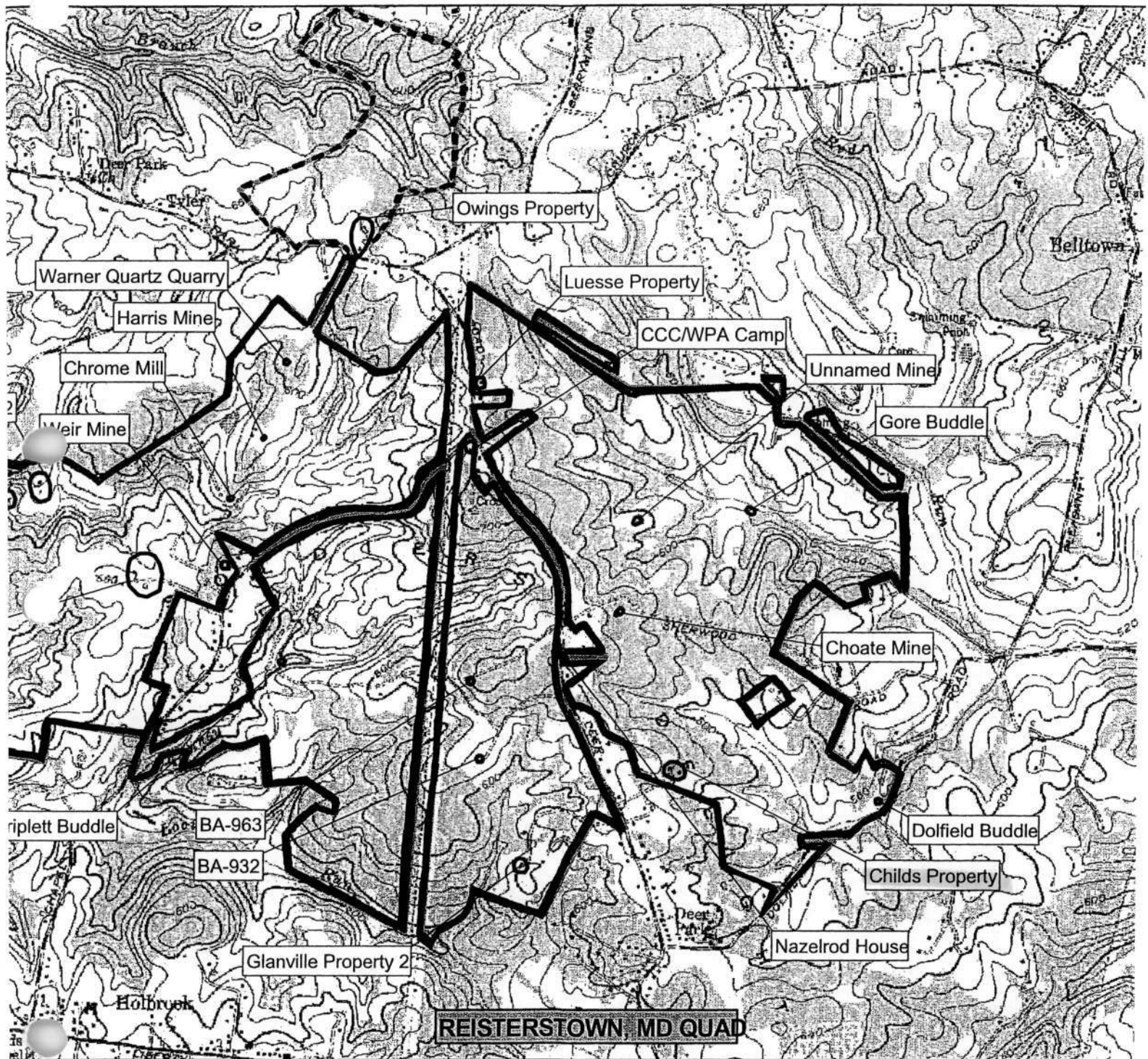
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PHOTOGRAPH OF ISAAC TYSON, JR., OWNER OF CHILDS HOUSE PROPERTY  
(PART OF 500+ ACRE CONVEYANCE) 1846-1861- FOR OF HIS  
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ISAAC TYSON, JR.

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